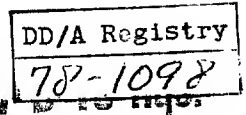
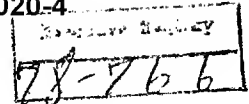


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Anthony A. Lapham  
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Legal Support to CIA and DCI

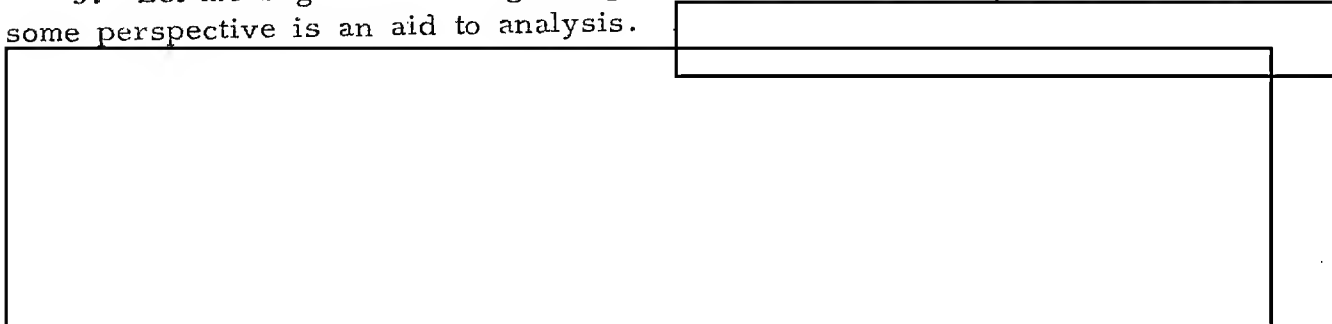
1. Action Requested: Your consideration of the options outlined in paragraph 9 below.

2. Background: From time to time we have discussed the CIA/DCI legal support function, and possible alternative arrangements. You have looked to me for advice on this subject, and I have been a bit slow to respond, wanting among other things to make sure that insofar as possible my thoughts were divorced from any personal considerations. I have the sense from our discussions that you feel somewhat shorthanded, or perhaps under-represented would be the better word, when it comes to legal support on the Community side of the house. I have tried to understand the origins of that problem as well as to weigh the merits of various new approaches, including the idea of dividing the legal function, leaving one office to serve CIA and creating a new office to serve Community interests. In the end I have concluded that while a restructuring of this Office might be useful, a division of the function would be a serious mistake.

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3. Let me begin at the beginning, not for form's sake but because I think some perspective is an aid to analysis.



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